

2021 Extra Mile Award:

Tim Davis, DEQ Water Quality Division Administrator

This past year, all Montana water professionals rose to various challenges and continued to make a difference within the water community. One of those professionals, **Tim Davis, DEQ Water Quality Division Administrator**, worked collaboratively to assist MT operators and communities navigate, transition, and continue to safely provide compliant services.

Significant milestones that were implemented this past year:

- Granted a 3-month extension of the May 2020 CEC deadline, which allowed extra time for operators to earn their CECs due to cancellations of scheduled training workshops and the MRWS conference. This extension also allowed MRWS to gear up to assemble and provide on-line webinar training sessions.
- Tim and his staff worked with the MTWARN committee to assist with enhancing Montana utilities' ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from the evolving public health situation.
- Tim worked with MRWS in creating a Coronavirus / COVID-19 Readiness Report: Sustaining Operations, which outlined critical operations preparedness.
- Worked with his staff to modify guidelines for the Total Coliform sampling procedure providing alternatives to sampling sites and operator safety protocols.
- And in September, **worked with the Department to waive** any remaining CEC requirements for the 2018 – 2020 biennium for operator certification.

